MR. CHAIRMAN : Motion moved—

'That the Madras Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1958) be passed.'

* DR. V. K. JOHN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I might make a very strong appeal to the employers to accept this measure with great pleasure. It is harmony between the employer and the employee that will promote progress in this country. The other day when I was talking to a leading industrialist, I told him that it was misunderstood that the Madras Government were against private enterprise but that actually they wanted to encourage private enterprise and that, at the same time, they also did not want to foment labour trouble and were trying to create harmony between employer and employee. The Hon. the Leader of the House has been entirely responsible for this state of affairs. In fact, it is only the welfare of labour that contributes to the progress of industries and I hope that every employer will implement this measure. If the employers willingly implement this measure, there will be no trouble whatsoever. In this connection, I must say that Madras should not merely lead other States in taxes but it must also lead other States in measures like this, which are of great benefit to the public.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have nothing more to add except to thank the House for the very warm welcome that it has given to the measure.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1958) be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 17th March 1958.

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. *Bill passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council—*

* *The Madras Bhoodan Yagna Bill*, 1957 (*L.A. Bill No.* 15 of 1957).

† 2. *The Madras Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill*, 1958 (*L.C. Bill No.* 1 *of* 1958).

‡ 3. *The Madras Animal Preservation Bill*, 1958 (*to be introduced*).

* Sent by special messengers on 25th February 1958.

† Circulated in the Chamber and also by special messengers on 15th February 1958.

‡ Sent by special messengers on 1st March 1958.